IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dumortier et al. Serial No.: 10/681,101

Filed: October 9, 2003

For: Device For Removing Mastic, Particularly For The Repair

Of Joints In Structures Of Aircraft Tanks And Container

For Use Therewith

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Guidotti
Attorney's Docket No.: 000964
Customer No.: 23456

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding non-Final Office Action dated November 12, 2008.

Applicant hereby requests a retroactive three-month extension of time to and including May 12, 2009 within which to respond to the Office Action. Applicant's payment in the amount of \$555.00 is being paid herewith. Any additional fees due in connection with this response may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0035. This extension of time is being requested in order to make the present application copending with a divisional application which is being filed simultaneously herewith.

No additional response to the Office Action of November 12, 2008 is being filed.

The divisional application is pursuing certain method claims for the application. This action is being taken without prejudice to Applicant's right to

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further pursue the apparatus claims of the present application in a further related application.

Respectfully submitted,

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